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TO: All Lessees

DATE: September 29, 2017

I hope you have had a productive summer. **Please note** some changes have been made to the lease for auctions this fall, and into the future. We now place restrictions and penalties on pumping water in excess of the allocation in those areas where the local NRD has implemented restrictions. Please read your leases carefully.

**LESSEE'S RIGHTS:** Please remember you have the right to farm and hunt the lease property, but do not have the right to grant access across our property for access to neighboring properties for any reason. Also, the hunting rights are yours personally, and if you transfer those rights to anyone else, whether for consideration or otherwise, a sublease is required.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** No improvements shall be placed on the land by Lessee without prior written approval of the Board; and any improvements made without prior written approval shall be permanently owned exclusively by the Board.

**PRESCRIBED BURNS:** If you are interested in including your leased School Lands in future prescribed burns, please contact your BELF Field Representative at your earliest convenience.

**TRASH DUMPING:** No dumping or accumulation of non-operational autos and machinery, trash, refuse, including oil or any other contaminant, is allowed on School Trust Land. If this occurs on your Lease, please call your Field Representative at once.

**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) OR OTHER SIMILAR PROGRAMS:** The Board's prior written consent is required for participation in the CRP or other similar programs which, if permitted by the Board, are subject to such special terms, conditions and rental as the Board may specify.

**CONTINUOUS CROPPING POLICY:** In all counties west of the western boundary of Cherry, Hooker, McPherson, Lincoln, Hayes and Hitchcock Counties, Lessees wishing to continuous crop wheat during any year of their Lease must request and receive advance written permission from the Board no later than August 1 of that year.

**ORGANIC PRACTICES:** Lessee must obtain written permission of the Board before implementing organic practices.

**MOWING TO THE CENTER OF PUBLIC ROADS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES:** Nebraska law requires the mowing of "all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches . . . at least twice each year, namely, sometime in July, for the first time and sometime in August for the second time." If this does not occur, the County may cause the weeds to be mowed or otherwise destroyed and assess the costs to the landowner. Any costs of this kind billed to the Board will be charged to the Lessee.

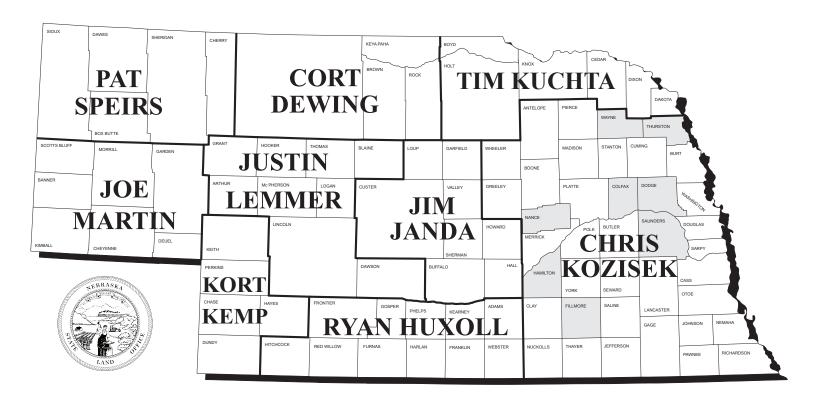
**WEED SPRAYING:** Your Lease provides that you will control the weeds on your leased property. We recommend that you consider weed control this fall; it is more effective and costs less than spring and summer spraying, and the spraying window is much wider. If you need advice or assistance, please contact your Field Representative or our Invasive Species Program Manager, Larry Gibbens, at 308/631-1822.

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVE LIST:** On the reverse side is an updated list of our Field Representatives, their addresses and telephone numbers, and the counties for which they are responsible. If you have any questions about your specific County or Lease, they should be able to assist you.

With your help in maximizing the income and preserving the assets of the School Trust, we benefit Nebraska's K-12 public school children and Nebraska's taxpayers. We strive to conduct our operations like those of the most respected private farm and ranch management companies. We enjoy hearing from you, and I would appreciate any suggestions you may have for improvement of the land, and operation and management of the School Land Trust.

Best regards,

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If you have questions about noxious weeds or predator control, please first contact your Field Representative as listed above.